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**In Re Application of:**

**Murray Edward Bruce Leighton**

**Application No.: 09/857,735**

**Filing Date: June 8, 2001**

**Confirmation No.: 9850**

**Group Art Unit: 3727**

**Examiner: Joseph C. Merek**

**For: Plastics Bags And Methods Of Making The Same**

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL PURSUANT  
TO 37 CFR § 1.114**

*(Note - RCE practice is not available to United States applications with a filing date prior to June 8, 1995 or United States National Phase Applications where entry into the national phase is from an International Application filed prior to June 8, 1995. However, if a Continued Prosecution Application was filed after June 8, 1995 in one of the above-identified applications, RCE practice would then be permitted on that application)*

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

Previously submitted

Consider the reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on July 19, 2004. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on || 10/19/2004 MAHMED1 00000075 09857735

Other: || 01 FC:2801 395.00 OP

Enclosed || 10/19/2004 MAHMED1 00000075 09857735  
|| 02 FC:2253 490.00 OP

- Amendment/Reply under 37 CFR § 1.116
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other:

## 2. Miscellaneous

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of      months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three (3) months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

## FEE CALCULATION:

				SMALL ENTITY	NOT SMALL ENTITY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE BASIC FILING FEE				\$395.00	\$395.00	\$790.00
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER RCE	HIGHEST NO. PAID FOR	EXTRA			
TOTAL CLAIMS	24	(20 MINIMUM) 25	0	\$9 EACH	\$0	\$18 EACH
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	(3 MINIMUM) 3	0	\$44 EACH	\$0	\$88 EACH
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT				\$150	\$	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/> ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME				\$55	\$	\$110
<input type="checkbox"/> TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME				\$215	\$	\$430
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME				\$490	\$490	\$980
<input type="checkbox"/> FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME				\$765	\$	\$1530
<input type="checkbox"/> FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME (May only be taken when filing RCE in lieu of Appeal Brief)				\$1040	\$	\$2080
<input type="checkbox"/> LESS ANY EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID				minus	(\$ )	minus
<input type="checkbox"/> TERMINAL DISCLAIMER				\$55	\$	\$110
TOTAL FEE DUE				\$885.00		\$

- A check in the amount of \$885.00 is attached. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3050 in the amount of       .00.  
This sheet is attached in duplicate.
- A response to the Final Rejection dated April 22, 2004 was due on July 22, 2004. Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time period for response from July 22, 2004 to and through October 22, 2004 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of three (3) month(s).

A Notice of Appeal was filed . An Appeal Brief is due on . Applicants are filing this Request for Continued Examination in lieu of this Appeal Brief. Petition is hereby made to extend the time period from to and through comprising a total extension of month(s).

The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

The Commission is hereby authorized to charge payment of the above fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is attached in duplicate.

**SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR** with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

Date: October 14, 2004

  
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